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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 10, 2004, and in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,445,934;

U.S. Patent No. 4,815,274;

U.S. Patent No. 5,124,102;

U.S. Patent No. 5,371,690;

U.S. Patent No. 5,733,729;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,845,001;

U.S. Patent No. 5,845,007;

U.S. Patent No. 5,858,659;

U.S. Patent No. 5,917,588;

U.S. Patent No. 5,945,334;

U.S. Patent No. 6,045,996;

U.S. Patent No. 6,090,555;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,140,044;

U.S. Patent No. 6,207,960;

U.S. Patent No. 6,228,575;

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Applicants once again note that Claims 30 and 31 of the present application are copies of claims 1 and 2, respectively, from US Patent No. 6,768,820 to YAKHINI et al., issued July 27, 2004. Applicants also note that claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,591,196 to YAKHINI et al., have been copied or substantially copied in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application 10/648,819, and claims from U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1 to YAKHINI, have been copied or substantially copied in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application 11/320,826.

Applicants also note that the following references were cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,768,820 to YAKHINI et al., issued July 27, 2004, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1 to YAKHINI et al., published December 30, 2004 (of which, as noted above, claims are copied into U.S. Patent Application No. 11/320,826).

U.S. Patent No. 5,001,766;

U.S. Patent No. 5,487,115;

U.S. Patent No. 5,627,912;

U.S. Patent No. 5,837,475;

U.S. Patent No. 5,916,747;

U.S. Patent No. 6,349,144;

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.98, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants also direct the Examiner to the files at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,591,196, 6,768,820, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1, to YAKHINI et al. for copies of the documents cited therein. Of course, should any of the documents not be readily available to the Examiner, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned and additional copies will be submitted. In this regard, Applicants are presently obtaining copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent literature a cited in the YAKHINI et al. Patent Nos. 6,591,196, 6,768,820, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1, for forwarding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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The documents cited in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,591,196 and 6,768,820, in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0264807 A1, and as cited above are listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the Forms PTO-1449, and to return the initialed copy with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

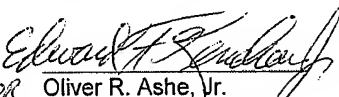
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